

# The City of Marion, South Carolina

## SWAMP FOX SCENE



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the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8TH-14TH

Marion City Firefighters will be visiting schools during fire prevention week in order to reduce and prevent fire related injuries or deaths. The week of October 8-14, will be National Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign will be **"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"**

In a fire, second count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

**That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.** Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- ◆ **Draw a map of your home** with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- ◆ Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day will everyone in your home and practice using different ways out.
- ◆ Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- ◆ Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- ◆ Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke heat and fire.
- ◆ Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement

Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. If you didn't know that, you're not alone. An online questionnaire distributed by the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** showed that less than half (42 percent) of approximately 36,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom of the home.

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years, make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Any questions regarding smoke detectors can be answered by contacting the City of Marion Fire Department at (843) 423-8602.

**Remember Every Second Counts and Plan 2 Ways Out!**  
The Marion City Firefighters will be visiting you soon.

### Come Play with Us



The City of Marion's annual Play Day will be held at Green Street Park on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join the crowds for a fun day of outdoor activities. As part of Playful City USA status gained through Kaboom.org we annually offer this opportunity to enjoy free outdoor play. Our focus is to have children swinging on the swings, sliding on the slides and enjoying playing in our

parks.

We will show casing a home run derby, a kickball game and other various activities. It's a chance to bring all of the children of Marion together for one enormous Play Day. For more details contact Kim Elliot Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410 or email [kelliott@marionsc.gov](mailto:kelliott@marionsc.gov).

### COME OUT AND ENJOY "2017 PLAY DAY"

#### Mayor say thank you

The City of Marion, sincerely thanks the Marion County Healthcare Foundation Board for approving a grant to fund educational trips to Wildlife Action for our local children who attended this year's summer camp. We truly appreciate your involvement within our community. Thanks also goes out to Mr. Donald Collins for providing lunch during our Back-to-School picnic for our children.

The City of Marion also thanks Ms. Ellen Baldwin and all of the volunteers who gave time from their busy schedules to plan and operate the summer camp at Grice's Recreation Center. We are extremely grateful for your sacrifices!!

*Mayor Ashley Brady  
City of Marion*



Good luck to all students, teachers and parents during the 2017 school year. Let us work together to make this a successful year of learning.

You are very much appreciated by school boards, parents and citizens. It takes special dedicated teachers and supported staff to educate our children. We applaud you on your efforts, and say "thank you!"

From Mayor Ashley Brady, City Council, City Administrator and the citizens of Marion. Wishing everyone a safe school year!

# CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Jeff and Karen Bullard of 903 E. Northside Avenue have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for August 2017. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. & Mrs. Bullard will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

## A TEAM MARION SC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

A-Team celebrated National Night Out for the 3rd year on August 1st with a great turnout. NNO is held at the same time each year all over the country. It provides us the opportunity to show our support for Law Enforcement. NNO is symbolic of citizens taking our streets back from the criminals. Citizens get to spend time getting to know one another. The best weapon we have against crime is community pride and strength. NNO highlights this. Usually when we interact with Law Enforcement it is a stressful time. NNO gives us a chance to visit with our local Police when there is no stress, it also allows kids and teenagers to talk with Officers and even play games with them. NNO gives us an opportunity to recognize those people who have been supportive of our mission. This year, A-Team member Earl Sawyer was given an award for his hard work on behalf of the neighborhood.

As Summer draws to a close, sunlight hours will decrease and school will be back in session. Please be aware of children at bus stops and buses on the road. A-Team meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire House on East Bond St. Due to Labor Day the September meeting will be held on Tuesday September 5th. For more information contact Dolly at (843) 433-0941. A-Team is the group that truly believes, **"We are our neighbors' keepers!"**

## Who Should I call for city information?

Call City Hall, **843-423-5961**, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Ashley Brady**, (843) 992-3773
- Alan Ammons**, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Lakesha Shannon**, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown**, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders**, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Gray**, Personnel / Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols**, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Kim Elliott**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dwayne Tennie**, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr**, Community Officer (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith**, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Tony Flowers**, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Marilyn Rogers**, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper**, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Jackie Yates**, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans**, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins**, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

## Mosquito Population Prevention

- Tipping and tossing water-filled containers left around homes and businesses once a week can significantly reduce mosquito populations.
- Tip and toss water from garbage cans, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any containers where sprinklers or rain water has collected.
- Discard: old tires, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used. Empty & Clean: birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least twice a week.
- Protect: If you are going to be outside when mosquitoes are active cover up! Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

## Questions about your water or sewer bill?

Call the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority at (843) 765-4539 or visit them at their new location **510 Supply Rd, Marion SC 29571.**

## Join us for our First Anniversary Celebration!



*Dawn Smith Jordan*  
Christian speaker, singer/songwriter,  
recording artist and published author

### You are invited!

Join Senior Circle members as we celebrate a year of health and wellness together.

**Keep Believing**

In 1985, Dawn Smith Jordan's younger sister, Shari, was kidnapped and murdered just two days before her high school graduation. Shari's murderer allowed her to write a letter of farewell to her family, saying: "Please don't let this ruin your lives. Remember, everything works out for the good to those that love the Lord. Some good will come of this."

Today, the heartbeat of Dawn's message and music is the sufficiency of God's grace, even to the point of forgiving the man who killed her sister. She is passionate about sharing a word of hope to the hopeless from her own journey, and shares her music and ministry with the story God is weaving into her life.

**Thursday, September 14**  
**Health Fair: 11 a.m. • Lunch: Noon**  
Woodhaven • 1963 E. Hwy 76, Marion  
**\$10 per person**

Lunch • Door prizes • Photo booth • Live music  
Seating is limited.  
Purchase your tickets beginning July 3 at  
[CarolinasHospitalMarion.com](http://CarolinasHospitalMarion.com) or in the marketing office.



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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Ashley Brady or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.



Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Randy Floyd at (843) 992-1627 or email [floydandy@hotmail.com](mailto:floydandy@hotmail.com) for information.

**September 4th - Monday, Labor Day Holiday.** City offices closed.

**September 6th - Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by **Martin Service Center**, 201 N Main Street. Come and hear about all the goods things that are happening in downtown Marion.

**September 12th - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.** City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

**September 16th - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.,** City of Marion's **PLAY DAY** at Withlacoochee Park. **COME PLAY WITH US!!! FUN, FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN !!** For more information contact Marion Recreation Department at (843) 423-5410.

**September 22nd - Friday,** Jebb Mac Band will be at Anderson Brothers Bank parking lot., in Mullins SC. from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The band does a variety of music. For more information email Holly Jackson at [hjackson@mullinssc.us](mailto:hjackson@mullinssc.us) or call (843) 464-9583.

**September 22nd - 23rd, Friday & Saturday,** Golden Leaf Festival BBQ Cook-off. Anderson Brothers Bank parking lot, Mullins SC. Friday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information email Holly Jackson at [hjackson@mullinssc.us](mailto:hjackson@mullinssc.us); (843) 464-9583 or Jim Bain at [jebain202@gmail.com](mailto:jebain202@gmail.com); (843) 340-3410.

**September 23rd- Saturday, 10:00 A.M.** Golden Leaf Festival, Mullins' Smith Haven Park, Parade is on Main Street, with crafts, food vendors and more. A day filled with family and fun. For more information email [scpumpkin@aol.com](mailto:scpumpkin@aol.com) or [vmspyce12@aol.com](mailto:vmspyce12@aol.com).

**September 23rd - Saturday,** HMRA Fall Craft Fest. Commons Market Place.

**Tiquon Wilson is city's employee of the Month**



The City of Marion is proud to announce Sanitation Department employee Tiquon Wilson as its July 2017 Employee of the Month. Tiquon has been employed with the City of Marion since March 2017 and quickly earned the respect of both his supervisor and his peers. He is responsible for collecting large household items and yard debris from citizens and transporting these items to the landfill.

"Tiquon is one of our most dependable employees. He has a strong work ethic and is always courteous to our residents and the other employees in the department", said Sanitation Superintendent Winky Fore.

The Mayor and Council recognized Tiquon Wilson for his dedicated service to the City of Marion and its citizens at the August 8th Council Meeting.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

In an effort to improve on response time for emergency calls to 911, Police and Fire Department along with EMS is asking all residents of the City of Marion, SC to please post the correct house number outside of your residence.

This is very important for you and your family members as well as the officers responding to the calls.

**Department new hire**

The City of Marion Police Department hired Jacolgan Mack as a full time Patrolman. Mack was born and raised in Marion and says that he chose to be in law enforcement so he could be directly involved with, protecting, serving and to give back to the community. Prior to coming on board with the City of Marion, he worked in retail. Patrolman Mack attended Charleston Southern University, where he majored in Criminal Justice with a minor in Engineering. Patrolman Mack will be a tremendous asset to the Marion Police Department as well as the citizens of Marion. Mack graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The City of Marion welcomes you Jacolgan Mack.



**Groupe Beneteau**



At the June 13, 2017 City Council meeting, a Resolution of Appreciation was presented to Groupe Beneteau to celebrate the company's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Since opening the state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Marion County, the company has built more than 8,700 "Floating Dreams". Mayor Ashley Brady attended the recent anniversary celebration at the Marion facility. He noted that the facility is amazing, and the company employs some very high-skilled Marion county citizens.



**Health Care Partners**

Health Care Partners of SC Marion facility hosted an event on August 18, 2017 in celebration of National Health Care Centers Week. On behalf of the City of Marion, Mayor Ashley Brady presented a Proclamation and Key to the City proclaiming August 13-19, 2017 National Health Centers Week. The proclamation encouraged Americans to visit their local Health Center and celebrate the important partnership these centers have with the communities they serve.

The event included free health and wellness screenings, food, activities and school supplies.

**Relay for Life 2017-2018**

The 2017-2018 Relay for Life season is just about ready to begin. We have monthly meetings to discuss our upcoming events. **\*\*Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 begins the 2017 Relay for Life of Marion County season. \*\*** All meetings will be held at Carolina's Hospital Systems in Marion - Classroom A-beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any cancer survivor is asked to meet at 5:30 p.m. each month at the same location.

The schedule is as following: September 19th, October 17th, November 14th – KICKOFF PARTY, December 12th, January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, April 21st-tentatively Relay for Life event.

If you have any questions, please get in contact the Marion County event lead Debbie Erwin at 843-260-4483 or [debbieerwin20@gmail.com](mailto:debbieerwin20@gmail.com).

## .....Marion Happenings .....

### City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

#### **Withlacoochee Park**

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

#### **Grice's Recreation Center**

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

#### **Tilghman Park**

409 Montgomery Street - This location has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

### CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Check the Marion Recreation Department for photos. Visit the [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov) web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

### Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that **Marion** Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

### Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call 423-5410 for availability.

### Mark your calendars & come play with us!

**September 16, 2017**  
**City of Marion Play Day**  
**Green Street Park**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Fun for the entire family**

## Wildlife Action Educational Week

The City of Marion's free Summer Camp has come to a close. The camp ran from June 6<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, and provided a host of fun activities to those who attended. Special thanks to Representative Lucas Atkinson, Mayor Ashley Brady, Senator Kent Williams, Sheriff Brian Wallace and Mr. Gregory Adams from Father's Place for taking time out their busy schedule to come and share words of encouragement to our children. The children had an exciting educational week on July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup> as they visited Wildlife Action. Each day there were 15 campers, ages 5 – 16, along with volunteers. They learned about the history of Wildlife Action, how they acquired the campground, and all the different programs they offer. They enjoyed activities such as canoeing and archery shooting, and had a class about hawks. They were also educated about the different types of snakes and how to tell which ones were poisonous. Some of the kids were brave enough to actually touch some of the snakes. They learned about various other animals during a presentation on animal identification, which included a fun trivia game. The educational week was truly an amazing experience for the children. Special thanks to Mayor Ashley Brady for arranging the educational week, and to the instructors, Mr. Frank Oliver, Ms. Holden Gasque, Mr. Taylor Smith, Mr. Tyler Wright and Katie for the wonderful presentations. Thanks to the bus drivers, Assistant Fire Chief Jackie Yates and Ms. Kelley Sellers for transporting the kids safely. And last but not least, thanks to Marion County Healthcare Foundation for their continued support and involvement with the community.



## Photos From Summer Camp 2017



Visit the City of Marion Facebook page for other photos: [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov)

Great Summer!!